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In re Application of
GUY G. RIDDLE
Application No. 10/020,515
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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed July 28, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 7, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of December 18, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on December 7, 2001. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EL599907741US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is illegible; however, the label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of December 7, 2001. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to December 7, 2001, and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.

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